

To his brother, two nieces and a nephew, all of whom survive him, we pray that God will deliver you from the pain that his passing has visited on you.

To those he was honored to serve as a proud representative of District K: all of us in public life are inspired by his example and his fortitude and while we know he is looking down on us, we can only seek to honor his time on Earth by emulating his service.

In a time of wanting leadership, let those of us still on this Earth be inspired by Larry Green's example and his service and strive to be worthy of his legacy.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of the beloved Larry Green, who as much as anyone reflected the heartbeat of Houston.

JORDAN CROSS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jordan Cross for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jordan Cross is a student at Arvada West High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jordan Cross is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jordan Cross for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

VIRGINIA KINCH

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the generosity of Virginia Kinch and her family in Longmont, Colorado.

Last year during the holiday season, Virginia and her daughters were preparing to deliver Thanksgiving meals to the homeless. They were shocked to hear about a family living in a broken down school bus behind a truck stop, so they went to deliver food to them. They discovered that this struggling family had three young daughters—a 5 year old, a 14-month old, and a 4-week old. After providing the family with a hot meal, Virginia wanted to do more to help. Fortunately, the Kinch's had just completed renovations on a house in Greeley that they planned to rent out or sell. Instead, Virginia went above and beyond and decided to invite the struggling family to move into that home rent-free.

The kindness and selflessness displayed by the Kinch family is truly remarkable. They fully

embody the Christmas spirit of giving, and are an inspiration to us all. For that, I am pleased to honor and recognize their outstanding act of kindness.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTIAN OAKES FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY HUMANITARIAN AND RELIEF EFFORTS TO HURRICANE VICTIMS

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Christian Oakes of Walton County, for his success and remarkable relief efforts to reach those devastated by hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

Weathering through the storm to reach those previously deemed "unreachable," Christian Oakes defied all odds. His leadership and persistence represent what Northwest Florida is all about—helping those in times of need.

Christian and Cass Oakes were married on August 21, 2017. Four days later, they exchanged their honeymoon for a rescue mission. Without a second thought, they loaded up donated supplies that Christian miraculously accumulated by reaching out to business partners and clients, and headed to help Harvey victims in Texas.

Mr. Oakes' relentless spirit in helping the people of Texas is a spirit that I hope everyone can look to and admire. He proved nothing would stop him from doing everything he could to help, when he offered the very shoes off his feet. He traveled from truck to foot to boat and finally had to be airlifted by a Blackhawk—which he thought was pretty cool. Christian extended his hand to people he had never met before. He simply wanted to help.

When Hurricane Irma hit south Florida, Christian and Cass immediately began planning and executing. Using only their Excursion and U-Haul trailer, they delivered over 5,000 cubic feet of supplies in Collier County, Florida alone. Christian was so incredibly dedicated to this mission, he passed up an opportunity to meet the President so he could immediately begin preparation for the next relief effort.

Following the aftermath of Maria in Puerto Rico, Mr. Oakes' rose to overcome many challenges. One of those being the need to administer vaccines to those affected by the flu. After running into some issues, he contacted my office for assistance and throughout the night, together, through many phone calls and emails, we were able to successfully get those vaccines to the proper destination in time for most to be administered.

I am very proud of Christian, his wife Cass and their incredible team for the phenomenal aid for victims in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. This spirit of duty to help others during times of disaster should inspire and be emulated by every American.

Cass Oakes summed up their mission statement well as she stated, "I never want to buy anything for myself again, I just want to help others. Everything you work so hard for in life can just be taken away in an instance."

Christian and Cass Oakes continue to give of themselves on a daily basis to assist those in need. I look forward to partnering with them

in the future and I am honored to be their Congressman.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Christian and Cass Oakes for their extraordinary humanitarian and relief efforts across our state of Florida and around the United States of America.

RUBY EAMES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ruby Eames for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Ruby Eames is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ruby Eames is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ruby Eames for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

REMEMBERING DANN SPEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Dann Spear, a 40-year resident of Yuba County, who passed away unexpectedly on February 22, 2018.

Dann was born to William C. "Doc" and Margie Spear in Ventura, California in 1954. He grew up around horses and livestock, and worked at the family business at the Ojai Valley Inn Riding Stables and Matalija Ranch in his youth. He graduated from Nordhoff High School in 1972, and while attending Cal Poly S.L.O., he competed in college rodeo and went on to compete successfully in professional rodeo in the team roping event.

He married the love of his life, Roberta Eskew Spear, in 1974. After attending Cal Poly, they moved back to Ojai, where Dann began working in the construction industry. After two years, they realized their dream of owning a small ranch and moved to Marysville, California, where Dann continued to compete in professional rodeo and continued his construction career. Dann worked in the Public Works Department of Sutter County for 30 years, where he loved helping the people of Sutter County. Dann also had a strong faith and love for the Lord in a quiet way and always treated people like family.

Dann and Roberta had two sons, Carson and Brandon. They were involved in 4-H, little league, and high school rodeo, and they never

missed a game of Wheatland Pirates football. Dann's boys grew up to become a Captain in the Army and Iraq War Veteran and a Sergeant in the Yuba County Sheriffs Department. Dann dearly loved his daughters-in-law, Erin, who is an estate planning attorney at Guth & Changaris, and Cotie, who is the Nursing Administrator for Yuba County Corrections.

While raising his family, Dann founded the Museum of the Forgotten Warriors in 1983. Dann had always been interested in military history, and after meeting several World War Two Flying Tigers Veterans, it inspired the start of his military memorabilia collecting. Dann's collection and passion for telling veterans' stories continued to grow and shape the museum.

Dann enjoyed every minute of life and I know that his spirit and his memory will be cherished by his family, friends, and many others throughout the community.

WINGS UP

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to not only congratulate the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) women's basketball team as they head to the NCAA tournament for the fifth time in seven seasons, but also to wish them continued success throughout the tournament.

The Eagles fought hard to beat Jacksonville and clinch the Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament Championship. I congratulate Coach Karl Smesko and all of the players for their hard work this season—best of luck and continue to make us proud. Wings up.

DARRIEN ESPINOZA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Darrien Espinoza for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Darrien Espinoza is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Darrien Espinoza is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Darrien Espinoza for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING RANDY AND DIANE FRYKBERG FOR THEIR SERVICE WITH THE NATIONAL SKI PATROL

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Randy and Diane Frykberg for their retirement from the National Ski Patrol after a combined 103 years of service. Through their exceptional leadership and steadfast devotion to their community, Diane and Randy have become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

Since its founding in 1938, the National Ski Patrol has dedicated itself to serving the public and ensuring the safety of those who seek to enjoy outdoor recreation. It is currently comprised of more than 26,000 members serving in over 600 different patrols. With 52 and 51 years of service respectively, Randy and Diane are one of only 14 husband-wife pairs to each devote over half a century to the safety of their local community.

Under the service of Randy and Diane, the team at Boyne Highlands was named the Outstanding Large Ski Patrol 2015–16, ranked first out of 127 patrols in the region and second nationally. Serving as Patrol Director at Boyne Highlands since 2012, Randy's innovative leadership has led to wide success and recognition. Among these innovations include the Boyne Highlands Host Program—the first such program in the nation. He also created a relationship with Michigan State University College of Medicine, providing the opportunity for 3rd year students to shadow patrollers to study the field techniques and outdoor emergency care. Additionally, Randy was instrumental in ensuring guest safety during an arson fire at the Highlands Lodge in December of 2016. Outside of their service with the National Ski Patrol, Diane and Randy have two sons and own and operate a floral shop in Boyne City.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Randy and Diane Frykberg for their combined 103 years of service to the people of Northern Michigan with the National Ski Patrol. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such devoted individuals. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Diane and Randy all the best in their future endeavors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARTIN MACDONALD FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Martin MacDonald for his induction into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. MacDonald serves as the Director of Conservation for Bass Pro Shops, seeking to connect those who love the outdoors with the ideals of protecting wildlife and the habitat in

which they live. He has worked with and assisted in the founding of several organizations that strive to promote conservation based policies, including the Upper White River Basin Foundation. He serves on the James River Basin Partnership and is a board member at the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium. Being a prominent member of the conservation community, Mr. MacDonald works closely with the National Association of Fish and Wildlife agencies to determine how best to preserve and protect Missouri's outdoor resources. His record over the course of a twenty-plus year career has earned him special recognition from the National Association of State Park Directors as someone who is deeply committed to promoting the outdoors. This commitment to the ideals of conservation has now earned him a much-deserved spot in the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

My highest appreciation goes to Mr. MacDonald for all the fine work he has done for southwest Missouri and to all the efforts he has made in the conservation and wildlife communities. My district is one that many folks enjoy hunting, fishing and the beauty of the outdoors and I know they join me in thanking Mr. MacDonald for all the great work he has accomplished throughout his career.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY RESERVE SERVICE ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Department of Homeland Security Reserve Service Act, a bill that establishes a reserve service for five agencies within the Department of Homeland Security: the United States Secret Service, Federal Protective Service, Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Transportation Security Administration.

Personnel shortages in each of these agencies are well documented. Many current or former directors have made public statements linking personnel shortages to gaps in hiring processes, issues with retention of employees, and temporary or ongoing surges in need. The Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, the U.S. Government Accountability Office, and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform have issued reports spotlighting these issues.

The implication is clear. Many agencies within the Department of Homeland Security lack the workforce necessary to carry out their critical missions during surges in need. These shortages are a matter of national security.

By way of example, the United States Secret Service has faced hiring and retention issues for years. In August 2017, the Director asked Congress for additional funds because these shortages, coupled with surges in need, caused more than 1,000 agents work hundreds of hours of uncompensated overtime. Representatives JON KATKO (R–New York) and ELIJAH CUMMINGS (D–MD) subsequently introduced a bill allowing the Secret Service to raise special agents' salaries and overtime caps for 2017 and 2018. While I support the